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Applicants : LUKAS HOWALD ET AL. Confirmation No.: 4255
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing the enclosed RCE to expire on February 26, 2004.

Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the fee for filing this three (3) month extension of time request and RCE fee.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed herewith in connection with any deposit account charge.

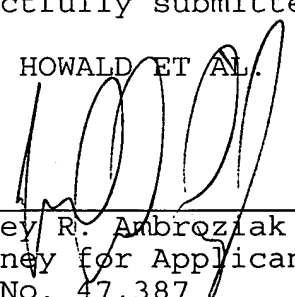
Respectfully submitted,

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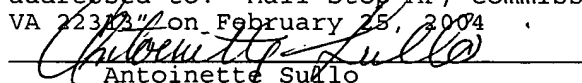
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